

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 42 – SB 1450

February 24, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a four-year pilot program, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending July 1, 2027, and operating only during the first week in September and the last week of May of each year of the program, in which a driver of a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or motor-driven cycle, and any passenger on any of these vehicles, or in an unenclosed side car or unenclosed cab attached to the vehicles, are not required to wear a crash helmet if the driver and passengers are at least 21 years old and maintain medical health insurance that is not provided through TennCare. Prohibits a law enforcement officer from issuing a citation to a person pursuant to this legislation based solely upon evidence of a violation of the requirements established herein. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to issue a citation pursuant to this legislation if the person is issued a citation for another separate traffic offense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Because the proposed legislation is a pilot program in effect for only two weeks per year for four years, any decrease in local revenue related to a potential decrease in the number of citations issued for a violation of helmet laws is estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Transportation, motorcycle helmet laws have no impact on Federal Highway Administration Funds.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is therefore estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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